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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

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Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

Thank you for your leadership in these trying times.

As a systems administrator I am directly affected by the setbacks in the industry. The American technology industry has been on hold since the inception of this suit three years ago. I have been without work since September 2000 due to a crash in the IT industry, for the most part a direct cause of the attempt to split Microsoft into smaller pieces. This has caused extreme problems in the American IT field. A once strong and promising field, in which America was the leader, has become a wasteland of ruined American companies and unemployed American professionals.

The harmful antitrust lawsuit against Microsoft must end. This lawsuit is the cause of these problems. The sooner this litigation comes to an end the better it will be for America. Because Microsoft has agreed to settle on

terms favorable to its competitors there is no reason to continue the suit. Microsoft has agreed to publicly document and disclose to its competitors the Windows operating system internal interfaces and server interoperability protocols. I can tell you that these are huge concessions of intellectual property rights.

Thank you for the work you have done in bringing about this settlement. Hopefully Microsoft and the rest of the American IT industry will be able to get back to business, and America can get back on its feet. Thank you.

Sincerely for American IT resurgence,

Raymond Rider